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■ City employee for more than 36 years passed away June 1.

CITY CLERK — On June 1, longtime City Clerk Rex Layton passed away at his home from natural causes. He was 85.

Layton was the City Clerk for 15 years and worked under Mayors Sam Yorty and Tom Bradley.

The following remembrance was written by Anton Calleia, Chief Executive Assistant to Mayor Tom Bradley, 1973-93. — Ed.

Rex was an exemplary public servant who always projected friendly and helpful competence. Most of us remember him as the City Clerk, but in his long career with the City he had served as an aide to Mayor Norris Poulson and as a management analyst for the City Administrative Officer before moving to the office of the City Clerk.

To his fellow City workers, regardless of rank, he was always friendly, willing to listen, fair and cooperative. He knew how to say “no” without making enemies. For me, working with Rex was always a pleasant experience, even when we didn’t agree!

He was an innovative manager with a love for the City and a keen sense of its history. He was quick to embrace new information-processing technology, which produced more effective and efficient ways to support the legislative function of the City Council, such as the Council File automated index. At the same time he professionalized the administrative support his



Ronald Reagan Day in the City Council Chambers, circa 1980s.



The City Clerk's Office, Election Division, during the time of Rex Layton.

office provided the Council. Yet he had an appreciation of those who had gone before him. He was the prime mover in the establishment of the City’s formal archival program to identify and preserve the City’s historical documents. He was truly devoted to the City, and even after his retirement he continued to serve pro bono as a member of the board of the Municipal

Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles (MICLA). His help to the Mayor and Council was frequently hands-on. He was a familiar figure in the Council Chamber; and, behind the scenes, he helped the President of the Council manage the Council agenda. As an advocate of his office’s critical role in the government of the City, he had few peers among fellow departmental managers. In hearings before the Mayor and the Council, he was as persuasive as he was insistent in obtaining the budgetary resources necessary for the effective operation of

Ronald Reagan speaks to City Council Chambers, circa 1980s, on Ronald Reagan Day. Rex Layton appears to be seated, center.



From left: Director of Children's Services Ilene Abramson and City Librarian Fontayne Holmes presented the Library's Reader Leader Award to Julie Andrews.

## One Fair Library Lady

■ Author and Oscar-winning actress Julie Andrews receives the Los Angeles Public Library ‘Reader Leader Award’

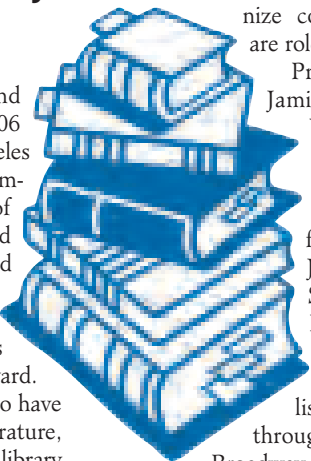
LIBRARY — Oscar-winning actress and author Julie Andrews received the 2006 Reader Leader Award from the Los Angeles Public Library May 3 for her lifelong commitment to children’s literature. Director of Children’s Services Ilene Abramson and City Librarian Fontayne Holmes presented the award to Andrews.

In 2002 the Children’s Services Department of the Library created the Los Angeles Public Library Reader Leader Award. This award was created to honor those who have made a contribution to children’s literature, championed learning and literacy and are library

supporters. Past winners have been advocates for reading and have introduced children to books through writing, acting or as activists. Ilene Abramson created this honor to recognize community members who are role models for children.

Previous winners include Jamie Lee Curtis, Henry Winkler and children’s author, Avi .

Julie Andrews has been writing children’s books for more than 30 years as Julie Andrews Edwards. She has her own imprint at HarperCollins Publishers. She has inspired youngsters by writing and publishing quality books and through her performances on Broadway, film and television.



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